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To Whom it May Concern;

Having just recently heard Marvin Kalb's commentary on NPR regarding the pending rule changes at the FCC, I am writing to strenuously object to them.

Allowing large corporations to control a disproportionate amount of the public's information, be it newspaper, television, radio, internet, or whatever, is clearly wrong. Already the influence of mega-corporations is pervasive and intrusive.

This country is built on a foundation that includes freedom of speech and a diversity of opinions. Reducing the number of potential views is the road away from freedom. Too often, mega-corporations are much more concerned with the bottom line than with content. While financially less lucrative, news and commentary (especially that which is controversial) needs to remain an integral, important and necessary component of mass media. We know that all news reportage is biased in some manner, and in order to have the clearest and most objective picture possible, we need to be exposed to a diversity of views. One or two corporations controlling the media is not going to accomplish that.

I happened to hear this editorial on NPR; I have not seen word of it in either the SF Chronicle, the NY Times, the national and local television news, nor on the internet. What gives? I am surprised and concerned that changes of this magnitude are not being discussed and publicized more widely...another example of the dangers inherent when too much power is left in the hands of too few.

In summary, I wish to reiterate my opposition to the proposed changes. I urge you to keep market shares small, and keep the number of different voices we hear large.

Sincerely,


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